



**Class of 2024 Celebration**

**and**

**Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work**

*Pinning Ceremony*



**Wednesday, the Twenty-Ninth Day Of May  
Two Thousand And Twenty-Four  
Four O'Clock in the Evening**

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**York College CUNY  
Health and Physical Education Complex  
160-02 Liberty Ave, Jamaica, NY 11451**

**Department of Social Work**  
**Celebration Address**  
**Dr. Taylor Robinson, DSW, MSW, LMSW, BS**  
**York College Alumna**



Dr. Taylor Robinson is an Afro-Caribbean Licensed Master Social Worker from Brooklyn, New York. She recently conducted research on what social workers can do to increase consistent sexual health care usage amongst individuals of Afro-Caribbean descent living in the United States of America.

Dr. Robinson possesses expertise in various areas of social work, including HIV prevention and treatment, medical case management, harm reduction, mental health care, and early intervention services. In her role as a program manager at the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, Dr. Robinson oversees programs that deliver treatment and medical case management to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Additionally, as a part-time applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapist, Dr. Robinson provides early intervention services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Dr. Robinson's academic journey began at the City University of New York, York College, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion Management in 2016. She continued her education at the same institution, obtaining her Master of Social Work (MSW) in 2020. In 2024, she achieved her Doctorate of Social Work (DSW) from Capella University, where she was recognized as a member of The National Society of Leadership and Success.

# Program

PROCESSION	“Ain’t No Stoppin’ Us Now” by McFadden and Whitehead
WELCOME & THANK YOU	Dr. Selena T Rodgers, <i>Professor, Chairperson, Department of Social Work and MSW Program Founding Director</i>
MUSIC SELECTION	“Still I Rise” by Yolanda Adams Lisa Ray, <i>Engineer and Operator/Announcer, YCRadio</i>
OPENING REMARKS	Dr. Claudia V Schrader, <i>Interim President</i> Dr. Derrick Brazill, <i>Provost &amp; Vice President</i> Dr. Karen Williams, <i>Vice President</i> Dr. James Salnave, <i>Assistant Vice President &amp; Dean of Students</i> Dr. Maureen Becker, <i>Dean, Health Sciences &amp; Professional Programs</i>
INTRODUCTION DSW FACULTY	Dr. Gila Acker, <i>Professor</i>
FACULTY REMARKS	Prof. Damien Pratt, <i>Lecturer &amp; York College Social Work Alum</i> Dr. Jennifer Hartmann, <i>Assistant Professor</i> Dr. Alicia Wilson, <i>Adjunct Lecturer</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Ms. Isabelle Hubert, <i>MSW Academic Program Specialist</i>
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA	Dr. Taylor Robinson, <i>DSW, MSW, LMSW, BS,</i> <i>Dr. Robinson is an MSW graduate from the 2 year Generalist Graduating Class of 2020 at CUNY York College and a member of Chi Sigma MSW chapter of Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SCHOLARS	Prof. Shirell Roeback, <i>Program Director and Lecturer, Bachelor of Science (BS) Social Work Program</i>

# Program

## SCHOLAR REFLECTIONS

Aarionna A McGlashing,  
*2022-2023 & 2023-2024 MSW Scholar Representative*

Eleanor Bazazian, *Bachelor of Science Scholar*

Karline Balan, *Bachelor of Science Scholar*

Ana Beltran, *Bachelor of Science & Master of Social Work Scholar*

Moya-Gaye S Miller, *Bachelor of Science & Master of Social Work Scholar*

William Joseph Murphy, *Master of Social Work Scholar*

Aubrey C Williams, *Master of Social Work Scholar*

## VIDEO PRESENTATION

*“Because You Loved Me” by Celine Dion & “See You Again” by Wiz Khalifa*

## HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

Dr. Karen Williams, *VP, Student Affairs & Enrollment Management*

Dr. Maureen Becker, *Dean, Health Sciences & Professional Programs*

Ms. Sheila Beverly-Skinner, *SGA Advisor, Office of Student Activities*

Dr. Kennybel Peña, *Director of Scholarship & Advisement*

Ms. Khayriyyah H Ali, *Exec. Director, SUNY-Queens EOC*

Dr. Selena T. Rodgers, *Professor, Chairperson, Department of Social Work and MSW Program Founding Director*

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Dr. Susan Letteny, *Professor*

## PINNING

Ms. Doria Thompson, *CUNY Office Assistant & Department of Social Work Team*

## PHI ALPHA CEREMONY & PLEDGE

Dr. David Hornung, *Assistant Professor*

Prof. Cathleen Lilavois, *Clinical Professor & Director of MSW Practicum Education*

## CLOSING

Dr. Jennette Allen-McCombs, *Deputy Chair & Assistant Professor*

## RECESSION

*“Hero” by “Mariah Carey”*

## Master of Social Work Graduating Class

Rebecca Antoine  
Robyn Austin  
Charisma Baez  
Folasade Barnes  
Ana Beltran  
Amy Bisono  
Shernette D Brooks  
Keidy M Collado  
Victoria A Franklin  
Ronald Goldberg  
Troi A Gordon  
Lanetta Hill  
Uyinoma James  
Amarjit Kaur  
Sukhwinder Kaur  
Tavarish N Lamont  
Brittany Lewis  
Aarionna A McGlashing

Stephan S Mclean  
Moya-Gaye S Miller  
Andrea E Munroe  
William Joseph Murphy  
Rebecca Narain  
Estepany C Paredes  
Marcia Peters  
Oscarina Z Pichardo  
Angelica Rosado  
Leonie Saint-Pierre  
Aaliyah C Scott  
Amrita Y Seegobind  
Troyann N Service  
Emily R Sewlall  
Antoinette Williams  
Aubrey C Williams  
Nadia R Williams  
Giselle Zavala

Bachelor of Science  
Social Work  
Graduating Class

Nicholas Bagnarol

Karline Balan

Eleanor Bazazian

Karleen Beckles

Amber Bertrand

Nakya Blackmore

Jennifer M Chimborazo

Dimmy Francois

Jenna N Fuller

Joelys Gonzalez

Monnika R Gumbs

Malik A Henry

Karamdevi Jagroop Ramdat

Diamond S Johnson

Sophia Mackey

Doris Ngozi Moses

Ashley Maria Nuñez

Cindy G Nuñez

Adebiyi O Otulaja

Stacy Ruth Phillips

Jessica Malee Phumalee

Jailine Pineda

Yanyluz Reyes

Beverly Rivera

Chez N Rivera

Yajaira E Rodriguez

Jocelyn Sanisidro

Mitchell Selzer

Keveline St Fort

Christine X Walter

# Special Recognition

## **Highest Academic Distinction in Social Work**

Moya-Gaye S Miller ∞ GPA 4.00

Aaliyah C Scott ∞ GPA 4.00

Amrita Y Seegobind ∞ GPA 4.00

Nadia R Williams ∞ GPA 4.00

## **Academic Distinction - Master of Social Work**

Victoria A Franklin ∞ GPA 3.979

## **Academic Distinction in Social Work - Bachelor of Science**

Jessica Malee Phumalee ∞ GPA 3.893

Karamdevi Jagroop Ramdat ∞ GPA 3.894

Chez N Rivera ∞ GPA 3.927

## **Appreciation Award**

Eleanor Bazazian

Karline Balan

Ana Beltran

Aarionna A McGlashing

Moya-Gaye S Miller

William Joseph Murphy

Aubrey C Williams

## **CARES Act Certificate of Merit**

Aarionna McGlashing

## **Converge Research Scholars**

Victoria A Franklin

Andrea E Munroe

William Joseph Murphy

Emily R Sewlall

## **DSW Chairperson Perseverance Award**

Ana Beltran

Lanetta Hill

Adebisi O Otulaja

## **MSW Founding Director Award**

Dr. Taylor Robinson

## **SGA Stateswomen Award**

Aarionna A McGlashing

## **SUNY-Queens EOC**

Leonie Saint-Pierre

# Scholarship and Award Recipients

## **Administration for Children Services-Provider Agency Scholarship\***

Charisma Baez  
Amy Bisono  
Andrea E Munroe

## **AKA HBCU Scholarship Fund**

Brittany Lewis

## **Angela & Maurice Becker Scholarship**

Diamond S Johnson  
Lydia Turley  
Andrea E Munroe  
Antoinette Williams

## **City University of New York**

### **Human Service Career Advancement Scholarship**

Charisma Baez  
Amy Bisono  
Kendra Hardy  
Brittany Lewis

## **CUNY York College/OMH Mental Health Scholarship**

Amoy Gordon  
Brittany Lewis  
Sophia Mackey  
Aarionna McGlashing  
Jessica Malee Phumalee  
Mitchell Selzer

## **MSW Fund for Excellence Award**

Charisma Baez  
Brittany Lewis

## **MSW Fund for Excellence Scholarship**

Charisma Baez  
Amy Bisono

## **Rising Ground Fund\***

Charisma Baez

## **Successful STEPS Award-Social Work\***

Malik A Henry  
Chez N Rivera  
Aubrey C Williams

\*External Scholarship/Award



# *Chi Sigma Induction Ceremony*

Dr. Selena T Rodgers  
Founding Faculty Advisor  
and Charter Member



Prof. Shirell Roeback  
Co-Advisor

## **Chi Sigma Charter Members**

Dr. Selena T. Rodgers, Founding Faculty Advisor and Member since 1993  
Charles (Prince) Clink, MSW  
Ayanna Kaalund, LMSW  
Charles Kellerman, LMSW  
Aimee Lay, PhD Scholar  
Alicia Smith, MSW

## **Past Honoraries**

Dr. Jennette Allen-McCombs  
Dr. Matthew Diner  
Dr. Berenecea J Eanes  
Dr. Azzie Forbes  
Dr. Judith Gil  
Ms. Kimmi M Herring

Dr. David Hornung  
Ms. Isabelle Hubert  
Prof. Cathleen Lilavois  
Prof. Damien Pratt  
Prof. Shirell Roeback  
Dr. Alicia Wilson

The Chi Sigma MSW chapter of Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work was chartered on February 23, 2018, to provide a closer bond among social work scholars and promote humanitarian goals and ideas. On February 22, 2023, the International Office of Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work confirmed extending the Chi Sigma chapter to include scholars enrolled in the York College Bachelor of Science (BS) in Social Work Program. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Membership is for life.

**\*To receive Phi Alpha National Honors, scholars must earn a 3.5 GPA  
or higher for at least one term of their program.**

## Past Inductees

### 2019

Janet Brown  
Viridiana Casco  
Mariela Delacruz  
Ayesha Edwards  
Samantha Jones  
Beatrice Ramos  
Aurore Raymond  
Dennis Razario  
Domattie Singh  
Roxy Stevens

### 2020

Janet Akinsanya  
Sade Ali  
Amrita Bajoon  
Da-Nisha Banton  
Miya Bass  
Sophie Bird  
Natasha Eastman  
Shanel Jones  
Iionii Lawing  
Shantel Lewis  
Shanely Marmalejos  
Judith Monvil  
Taylor Robinson  
Nancy Rousseu

### 2021

Nazalene Ali  
Angela Bhowal  
Keisha Catulle  
Jasmine Chauva  
Maggie Delia  
Nadia Edwards  
Carlene Evans  
Florence Fox  
Andre Fraser

Kara Green  
Jessica Inoa  
Taylor Jenkins  
Robenson Joseph  
Annalicia Massiah  
Debbie Ricketts  
Shaquille Smith-Harding  
Alicia Thomas  
Joelle Toussaint  
Junette Williams

### 2022

Ana Alava  
Jaimy Belliard  
Lauren Coyle  
Maximilian Ehrman  
Iman Fadlalla  
Steven Fidler  
Lytesha Gamble  
Natalie Goodwin  
Jacqueline Gracia  
Vernon Harris  
Latisha Learperl  
Christine Mark-Duruaku  
Kilcy Martinez  
Melissa Niewender  
Beryl Owusu  
Luis Quinones  
Weena Sanchez  
Mariadeliz Santiago  
Savita Singh  
Fellisha Strachan  
Tannisea Tracy  
Madelyn Torres-Cruz

### 2023

Nahida Ahmed  
Ruth O Ajibodu  
Dioselina Almanzar  
Naylani Batista-Rios

Rachel Hannah Bou  
Toshika A Case  
Keidy Collado  
Zoraya Corporan  
Onsiem Edwards  
Jennifer Flores  
Ines I Garcia  
Tanasha Green  
Ruth E Goldberg  
Yudelka S Guerra  
Monique Hylton  
Rudy Jiovani Innocent  
Alexis Monique Jinks  
Ruth Lakhan  
Weldon Lam  
Tavarish Lamont  
Michelle Lovell  
Victoria M. Medelius  
Moya-Gaye S Miller  
Stephanie Morocho  
Yakira E Moya  
Rebecca Narain  
Mustapha Olatilewa  
Diana Ouyi  
Fritz Pasca  
Valeria Paz  
Sonya D Roberts  
Oscarina Pichardo  
Rosa Robles  
Milagritos Saavedra  
Edda M. Sanz  
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Kassandra N. Smallwood  
Ashley D Thomas  
Tracey Ann Thompson-Barnes  
Miriam Tsionov  
Lydia Turley  
Deisy Veliz  
Tamar A Waul  
Amina Winchester  
Giselle Zavala

## Honoraries and Inductees



Dr. Jennifer Hartmann, Honorary  
Ms. Kim Melendez, Honorary

Rebecca Antoine\*  
Robyn Austin  
Charisma Baez  
Nicholas Bagnarol  
Folasade Barnes  
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\*Previously Inducted

# *Phi Alpha Pledge*



*Through Knowledge – The Challenge to Serve*  
Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work

## The Phi Alpha Pledge

I pledge I have become an active member of Phi Alpha Honor Society.

I pledge I will uphold its dignity and promote its goals and high ideals as a scholar as well as in professional life.

I pledge I will actively participate in meetings and chapter projects and endeavor to maintain a high scholastic average.

# *Sincere Thanks*

Dr. Claudia V Schrader

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**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES  
& PHI ALPHA INDUCTEES**  
on this significant academic milestone!

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Scholar Widnie Menitor

Social Work has been essential to the City University of New York, York College since 1985. Housed in the School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs, the Department of Social Work comprises undergraduate and graduate programs. For the last decade, the Baccalaureate of Science in Social Work Program has remained among the top three (3) popular programs at York College based on degrees awarded. In 2022, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Board of Accreditation reaffirmed the baccalaureate social work program for eight (8) years and granted the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program initial accreditation. The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program at CUNY York College was established in 2018 and is the first accredited graduate social work program in Queens County, New York.

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